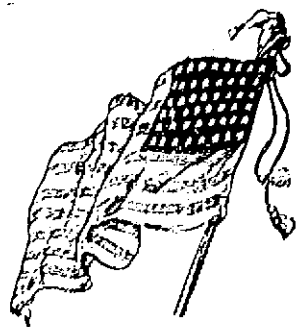


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Local Matters.



Old Glory

THE BANNER BETSY MADE.

We have nicknamed it Old Glory
As it floats out on the breeze,
Rich in legend, song and story,
On the land and on the seas,
Far above the shining river,
Over mountains, gorge and glade,
With a fame that lives forever,
Floats the banner Betsy made.

When at last her needle rested
And her cherished task was done,
Went the banner, love invested,
To the camp of Washington,
And the gallant Continentals,
In the morning light arrayed,
Stood in ragged regimentals
'Neath the banner Betsy made.

How they cheered it, and its maker,
They, the gallant sons of Mars;
How they blessed the little Quaker
And her flag of stripes and stars,
'Neath its folds no foreigner aching
Glinted bayonets or blade,
And the breezes of the morning
Blessed the banner Betsy made.

Years have passed, but still in glory,
With a pride we love to see,
Laureled with a Nation's story,
Waves the emblem of the free,
From the rugged pines of Northland,
In the ever-deepening glade,
In the land of sunny Southland,
Floats the banner Betsy made.

Now she sleeps, whose fingers flying,
With a heart to freedom true,
Mingled colors, bright, undying,
Fashioned stars on fields of blue,
It will lack for no defenders
When the foreign foe invades,
For our Nation rose to splendor
'Neath the banner Betsy made.

The two political parties are making an effort to secure a good registration before July 1st, although there will be no State election this year. The city election comes in December and it will be necessary to register on or before June 30th in order to vote then.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley E. Campbell will close their Newport residence today and go to Jamestown for the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Pardon S. Kaul of Kansas City have leased the Campbell residence for the summer and are expected to arrive today.

A final decree of divorce has been awarded to Mrs. Nina Chinn Walker in the Superior Court this week, giving her control of the four children, and bringing to a close a long fought case with many unsavory details.

Next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock the cadets of the Rogers High School Battalion will compete for the medal (presented by Colonel Herbert Bliss for meritorious drill). Capt. Adna G. Clarke of Fort Adams will be the judge.

Miss Edith M. Tilley has gone to the White Mountains for a somewhat prolonged stay. She is at Grey's Inn, Jackson, N. H.

An informal dance for the Reservists was given at the Channing Parlors on Thursday evening. The attendance was large.

Many Newport boys and young men are finding good places in the Naval service of the country.

Military Census Next Monday.

Following the registering of all men between the ages of 20 and 30 last Tuesday in accordance with the army draft law, a complete military census of the State will be taken next Monday. This work will be done entirely by volunteer workers, almost wholly women, and a school holiday will be given in order to allow many of the teachers and pupils to take part in the work. Governor Peckham has issued his proclamation calling attention to the importance of the work and asking the hearty cooperation of all the people.

Mrs. John Nicholas Brown is in charge of the work in this city, as captain of the 21st District and she has designated as lieutenants, Mrs. Harold Brown, Mrs. David C. Caesar, Mrs. Daniel B. Peckham, Mrs. Charles Gardner, Mrs. Ernest Howe, Miss Harriet Thomas, Mrs. Walker Smith, Mrs. James A. Swan, Mrs. Walter A. Wright, Mrs. William J. Underwood, Mrs. Edwin P. Robinson, Mrs. Walter G. Holcombe, Miss Antoinette Peckham, Miss Charlotte E. Burleigh, and Mrs. Walter S. Langley. Each lieutenant has selected her own enumerators for her district and a large force will be ready for work next Monday. Automobiles have been provided by volunteers to convey the workers to outlying districts, and as a comparatively small number of houses will be assigned to each enumerator the work is not expected to be very difficult.

The census is for several purposes. A complete list of all men between the ages of 18 and 30 years will be compiled and this list will be compared with the registration cards to learn if there are any slackers between the ages of 20 and 30 who failed to register last Tuesday. In each house where a man registered his yellow card will be shown to the census enumerators.

Another purpose of the census is to ascertain the number of women who are willing and able to serve the country in either military or civic positions. There will be quite a long list of questions for the enumerators to ask, and as these questions have not yet been published the public have not had a chance to familiarize themselves with them. In some sections of the city where there is a large foreign population, interpreters will be available for service as desired by the enumerators.

Elks Flag Day Exercises

Newport Lodge No. 101, B.P.O. Elks, will hold a programme of patriotic exercises at the Beach next Thursday in honor of Flag Day, to which the public is invited, provision being made by the Lodge to care for 2000 people. Exalted Ruler P. J. Sullivan will preside and the introductory exercises will be conducted by the officers of the Lodge.

Prayer will be offered by Chaplain Joseph G. Brown, and Mr. Joseph S. Milne will deliver the history of the flag. Hon. Clark Burdick, Mayor of Newport, will deliver the Elks tribute to the flag, and Captain H. F. Bryan, U. S. N., in command of this naval defense district, will deliver the patriotic address. During the programme three pretty tableaux will be presented, entitled "Betsy Ross," "Our Flag," and "1917." A pleasing programme of music has been arranged.

Newport County Fair.

The Newport County Agricultural Fair will be held this year as usual, and efforts are being put forth to make this the best ever. The dates selected are September 18, 19, 20 and 21. There will be several new features this year, among which will be a dog show. A new show ring has been added to the grounds, and the liberal prizes, amounting to over one thousand dollars, will insure a fine horse exhibition. The horse show part is being financed by friends outside the regular fair association.

Mr. Lawrence Ebbs, son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Robert C. Ebbs of this city, has returned from the training camp at Plattsburg, N. Y., on account of illness. He was taken ill last week, and his mother was summoned to Plattsburg last Sunday by the report that her son was critically ill with typhoid fever. Although his sickness did not prove to be typhoid fever, he has been very ill, having a high fever most of the time. He is now progressing well toward recovery, but is much debilitated by being honorably discharged from the service, as the government will not keep a man at the training camps after serious illness develops.

Rev. and Mrs. Aquilla Webb of Louisville, Kentucky, have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Frances, to Mr. Leslie Brome Baynam on Wednesday evening, June 20, at the Warren Memorial Presbyterian Church in Louisville, of which Dr. Webb is the pastor. Dr. Webb was formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of this city, and the family have many friends here.

Board of Aldermen.

Because of the registration for the army draft on Tuesday the regular monthly meeting of the board of aldermen was postponed until Wednesday evening, when the monthly bills were approved and other routine matters disposed of. At the request of the petitioners for the abandonment of Colonial street, they were allowed to withdraw their petitions.

Daniel E. Sullivan and Harry D. Wood, representing Newport dealers in fireworks, came before the board to ask that the dealers be allowed to sell harmless fireworks on that day. Several representatives of Providence jobbing firms also appeared and told of the large amount of money invested by jobbers in goods that they could not move because of the restrictions adopted in Newport and other places. The board took no action at that time.

The board held a meeting as a committee on observance of the Fourth of July and elected a citizens committee to serve with the board, consisting of Mrs. French Vanderbilt, Frederick P. Garrettsen, Col. Frank P. King, Jeremiah P. Mahoney, Harold A. Peckham, and Frank M. Wheeler.

The session of the board on Thursday evening was a short one. No proposition was advanced in regard to the sale of fireworks on the Fourth of July, so the situation remains where it was—with all sales prohibited. A number of routine matters were disposed of, including the approval of weekly bills and payrolls.

It was voted to request the Bay State Street Railway Company, which is under contract to expend \$1000 a year in underground construction, to begin work this year at Vanderbilt circle and move northward on Broadway. It was also voted to call attention of the Providence Telephone Company to the dangerous conditions on Spring street where they have been burying their wires, and have them corrected at once.

RECENT DEATHS.

Elisha Dyer, Jr.

Mr. Elisha Dyer, Jr., a prominent resident of Newport and New York, and a descendant of an old Rhode Island family that has been active since the early days of the colony, died at his summer home, "Wayside" on Bellevue avenue, last Saturday morning, following a very short illness. Death was due to pneumonia following a cold that he had contracted only a few days before his death. His untimely death came as a great shock to his many friends in Newport, New York, and Providence.

Mr. Dyer was born in Providence in 1862, the oldest son of the late Governor Elisha Dyer. He was graduated from Brown University in 1882, and was admitted to practice at the Rhode Island bar two years later, upon receiving his degree of bachelor of laws from Columbia University. He afterward engaged in the brokerage business and was actively identified with a number of corporations.

Mr. Dyer married Mrs. Sidney Turner Swan of Baltimore and their summer home on Bellevue avenue was the scene of many of the most attractive entertainments of the summer season. They had spent practically the entire winter in Newport with the exception of occasional visits to New York.

Mr. Dyer is survived by a widow, and two brothers, General George R. Dyer of New York and Colonel H. Anthony Dyer of Providence.

Funeral services were held at his late residence on Bellevue avenue on Tuesday, Rev. Dr. Emory H. Porter officiating. There was a large attendance and a vast display of floral offerings coming from all over the country. Following the services here the remains were conveyed to Swan Point Cemetery in Providence where interment took place. The bearers were Prescott Lawrence, Hamilton Fish Webster, Lewis Quantin Jones, George B. deForest, Franklin A. Plummer, and Theodore Fringhuysen.

Mrs. Mary E. Sullivan, residing at 37 Division street, was taken suddenly ill on Spring street on Tuesday evening, and was carried into the home of Miss Jeanette Swasey, where she was attended by a physician but died in a short time. Death was due to heart trouble, from which she had suffered for some time. A sister, Mrs. Hugh Corrigan, died suddenly on the street a few weeks ago. Mrs. Sullivan was a daughter of the late Dennis Murphy of Portsmouth, and the widow of Michael Sullivan.

The Newport Cadets had their first outdoor drill at Easton's Point last Sunday afternoon, and for two hours the members went through a strenuous session on rough ground. The services of the drum corps of the Rogers High School Cadets had been secured to furnish music.

Excelsior Lodge of Odd Fellows will invest \$10,000 in Liberty Loan bonds.

Good Registration in Newport.

The registration for enrollment in compliance with the selective draft law passed off quietly in Newport, the total enrollment being only a little less than the estimate that had been made. The total registration in the city was 2212, which is somewhat less than 10 per cent of the total population, but as the government stations are included in the census of Newport but the men there are not subject to enrollment the percentage would naturally be lower here than in some other places.

The organization for registration had been well carried out under the direction of Mayor Burdick and the board of aldermen. In each ward the workers were on hand long before 7 o'clock, the hour set for beginning registration, so that as soon as the first arrivals came in they were cared for promptly. It was a hustle for a couple of hours and then the rush was over until evening. The aldermen from each ward was on hand at the polling place throughout the day and in company with the Chief registrar had charge of all details. There were two sets of registrars, working pairs, one representing the federal government and the other the State military census. The State registrars made copies of the Federal registration cards and each registrant was given two memorandum cards, the blue one from the Federal registrars to be carried with him at all times, and the yellow one from the State registrars to be left at home for inspection by the military census enumerators next Monday.

There was not the slightest disorder or confusion at any of the registration places in the city. The men who came in to register had very evidently studied the questions very carefully and in nearly every case were ready to give quick and accurate responses. Even in cases of foreigners, where interpreters were required, there was a desire to respond promptly and intelligently and the work of the registrars was made easier by the willingness of the registrants.

After the evening rush, ending at 9 o'clock, the chief registrar and his assistants were kept busy for some hours making up the tabulations required by law. The largest registration was in the second ward, where 582 were registered, the third coming next with 533, the fourth 429, the fifth 423, and the first 215.

The next step in the draft will be the military census to be taken next Monday by volunteers, and soon after the regulations for the selective draft will be formulated.

St. Paul's Centennial.

The committee in charge of the Centennial celebration of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 14, A.F. & A.M., have decided to postpone the observance to October 23. The Lodge was chartered on October 23, 1817, consequently it will not be one hundred years old till that date. It was thought at one time that it would be well to have the celebration in June. But in view of the unsettled condition of the country, and the fact that many of the members are in the service of their country it would be well to delay matters for a time. If the state of affairs of the nation are in a more settled condition in October the celebration will take place then, otherwise it may be postponed again.

Child Killed by Truck.

Francis Silvia, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Silvia of Dearborn street, was run over by an auto truck on lower Thames street on Saturday afternoon and was so badly injured that he died at the Newport Hospital a short time later. According to the statement of witnesses the child darted directly in front of the heavy truck owned by John M. Friend and driven by Antone G. Madeiros, and was apparently seriously injured. A physician was summoned and the child was rushed to the Hospital in the ambulance, where death followed in a short time. The driver of the truck was not blamed for the accident which was apparently unavoidable.

Big Verdict Against Bay State.

In the United States District Court in Providence last week, Mrs. Cecilia Rust was given a verdict of \$11,000 in her suit against the Bay State Street Railway Company. The suit was brought as the result of the death of Harold B. Rust, husband of the plaintiff, who was killed while working on a pole on Thames street in this city some months ago. He was employed as a lineman by the illuminating department of the defendant company.

The police have received reports of several minor breaking and entering operations in the city. Monday night, an entrance was forced into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Riley on Farewell street and some cash and provisions taken. A Thorston avenue residence was visited last Sunday by a sneak thief and some money was stolen.

WEDDING BELLS.

Peckham-Barker.

The marriage of Miss Florence Myrtilla Barker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Edward Barker, and Mr. Alfred Russell Peckham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Peckham of Middletown, took place at the Thames Street Methodist Church on Tuesday evening in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Marvin S. Stocking, pastor of the church.

The bride wore an attractive gown of silver and ivory satin, with a long veil and a string of handsome pearls. She carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley and orchids. She entered the church on the arm of her father, who gave her away. She was attended by Miss Charlotte Davenport of Sharon, Mass., as maid of honor, and by Misses Rita Bigalke, Mae Hall, Marjory Peckham, and May Joyce as bridesmaids. The groom was attended by Mr. Edwin H. Barker, brother of the bride, as the best man, and the ushers were William T. Peckham and Austin Peckham of Middletown, and Morton Austin and Floyd Austin of Newport.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the chapel where refreshments were served and a social hour was enjoyed. On their return from their wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Peckham will make their home on the old Robinson Barker place in Middletown.

Wright-Burgess.

Miss Edith Burgess, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burgess, and Mr. Harold Wright, of the United States Naval Reserve Force, were united in marriage at the rectory of St. Joseph's Church on Wednesday, the ceremony being performed by Rev. John F. O'Rourke. The bride was attended by Miss Mary E. Wright, sister of the groom, as bridesmaid, and Mr. Franklin P. Randall of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was the best man. Upon their return from a wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Wright will reside for the present on Coggeshall avenue.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Wright of this city and has held important positions in Connecticut, returning to Newport to enroll in the Naval Reserve Force at the outbreak of the war.

McLean-Hazard.

The marriage of Miss Etta Thornton Hazard, daughter of Mrs. James A. Greene, and Mr. William A. McLean, took place in the rectory of St. George's Church on Tuesday afternoon, in the presence of immediate relatives only, the ceremony being performed by Rev. George Vernon Dickey. The bride was attended by Miss Catherine McMahon, and Mr. Philip Wilbur was the best man.

After a wedding trip through the Berkshire Hills by automobile, Mr. and Mrs. McLean will make their home at 23 Mann avenue.

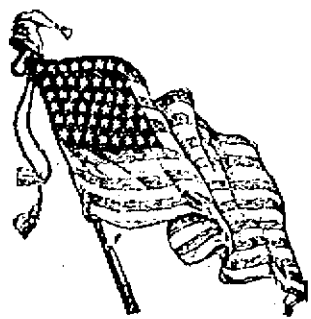
Aquidneck Chapter Visited.

Mrs. Henrietta C. H. Broadbent of Woonsocket, Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, Order of the Eastern Star, paid an official visit to Aquidneck Chapter, No. 7, of this city on Tuesday evening, being accompanied by a full board of Grand Officers. Previous to the inspection an excellent supper was served in St. Paul's room in the Masonic Temple, the meeting being held in the new Lodge room.

In the suite of the Grand Matron were the Grand Patron Stedden H. Douglas of Woonsocket, Past Grand Matron Mrs. Lillie H. Durfee of New Bedford, acting Associate Grand Matron; Associate Grand Patron Alvah H. Sanborn of Newport, Grand Marshal Mrs. Bertha G. Haines of Providence, Past Grand Matron Isabella H. Sanborn of Newport, acting Grand Conductress; Past Grand Patron Edward P. Smith of Pawtucket, acting Grand Secretary; Grand Electra Margaret Kyle of Providence, Grand Sentinel Earl A. Cairns of Providence, and a number of Matrons and Patrons of other Chapters in the State. Addresses were made by a number of visitors, who took occasion to congratulate the local fraternity on its handsome new Lodge room.

The sessions of the New England African Methodist Episcopal Conference came to an end last Sunday evening, when the appointments to the various churches were announced. Rev. J. L. Witten, who has been pastor of the Newport church for two years, was transferred to the Philadelphia Conference and will be assigned to a church in Philadelphia. Rev. H. N. Jeter, D.D., gave a talk on his Humane and Reform Movement and was given the endorsement of the Conference.

Aquidneck Chapter, No. 7, Order of the Eastern Star, will give a dance at Masonic Hall next Friday evening.



Superior Court.

The June session of the Superior Court for Newport County opened in this city on Monday, Judge Brown presiding. Grand jurors were examined, and after Daniel A. Peckham of Middletown had been appointed foreman, retired to consider a number of cases. In the late afternoon indictments were reported as follows:

Wah Lee, murder.
George A. Silvia, five indictments, each charging burglary.
William F. Harnet, breaking and entering in the night time and larceny.
Patrick J. Foley, assault with a dangerous weapon.
Joseph L. Manning, keeping a nuisance.

While the grand jury was out, a number of candidates for naturalization were examined and most of them passed. The docket was called over and many assignments were made for trial at this term.

At the opening of the court on Tuesday divorce cases were in order, and the following petitions were granted: Violet P. Ring vs. Peter G. Ring, Alice May O'Connell vs. Edward J. O'Connell, Inez E. Burke vs. Joseph J. Burke, James J. Anthony vs. Annie M. Anthony, Charles Edward Graeff vs. Anna P. Graeff, Ella L. Lawton vs. Henry E. Lawton, Joseph Francis Morris vs. Margaret V. Morris, Manuel Garcia vs. Emily Garcia, Sadie Peckham vs. Chester H. Peckham, Kate Nuttall vs. William Nuttall, Antone Andre vs. Mary Andre, Carl L. Murphy vs. Anna Wallace Murphy.

The trial of Wah Lee on the indictment charging him with the murder of Charlie You, both Chinese, was begun on Wednesday, before a jury of which William F. Grinnell of Portsmouth was the foreman. Assistant Attorney General Otis conducted the prosecution, and Judge Mortimer A. Sullivan was assigned by the court to defend the prisoner. The jury was not locked up during the trial but the members were cautioned not to talk and not to read newspaper accounts of the trial.

The presentation of the State's side of the case occupied all the time until Thursday afternoon. Many witnesses were called, including physicians, police officers, and Chinese who were in the laundry on Long wharf at the time or immediately preceding the shooting. Several of these Chinese witnesses said that a discussion regarding Sunday School and also gambling preceded the shooting. The dying declaration of Charlie You at the Newport Hospital, stating that Wah Lee shot him, was introduced by the State.

In opening for the defense Thursday afternoon, Judge Sullivan stated that he would show that the defendant was addicted to the use of drugs and was therefore not responsible for his actions. He was a close friend of the dead man and had no reason for killing him. Because of this unexpected defense, the State asked for a recess to Friday morning which was granted, and the case then proceeded with the defendant Wah Lee on the witness stand.

The sixth in the series of addresses on Great Preachers of Newport will be given at the rooms of the Newport Historical Society on Tuesday evening, June 12th. The speaker will be Rev. Dr. M. Pereira Mendes of New York, and his subject will be "Ministers of the Earlier or Sephardic Jews of Newport." Rev. Dr. Roderick Terry, D.D., will deliver the last address of the series on July 10th, his subject being Rev. Dr. Ezra Stiles.

The marriage of Mr. Francis I. Greene of this city and Miss Estelle Bennett, daughter of Mrs. Clarence E. Bennett of Bay Ridge, Long Island, took place at the residence of the bride's mother, in Bay Ridge, last Saturday evening, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends, including Mr. Jere I. Greene of this city, father of the groom. Upon their return to Newport Mr. and Mrs. Green will occupy their new cottage on Bliss road.

The graduating exercises of the Training School for Nurses of the Newport Hospital was held at the Nurses Home on Thursday evening, when 16 nurses received their diplomas. This does not mean that these young women have completed their courses as most of them have some weeks yet to serve.

The Ukelele Club gave a successful black and white dance at the Civic League House on Monday evening.

DRAFT REQUIRES A LOT MORE WORK

Registration Complete, but Data Must Be Compiled.

TO WEED OUT ALL UNFIT

Operation of Conscription Measure Gives Much Work to Thousands of Volunteer Workers—House and Senate Busy on Revenue and Espionage Bills—Other Washingtonossip.

Washington (Special Correspondence).—While the task of registering the men of the nation between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one years old is complete, there is still much work to be done. Hundreds of clerks here in Washington and thousands of volunteer workers throughout the United States are now busy getting the data in shape.

Millions who have been registered will be exempted for various reasons. Some are physically unfit, some are employed in factories where they can do more to bring about the defeat of Germany than they could if they were on the battlefields. Many are employed on farms, and it is likely that they will be kept there to insure an adequate food supply. It has been estimated that about one-half of those who registered will be exempt for one reason or another and that 10,000,000 will remain from which to select the first army of 500,000 men.

House and Senate Busy.

While the operation of the draft measure has occupied most of the attention of Washington during the past few days, the senate and house have been busy on other matters. The senate is wrestling with the revenue bill which was passed by the house. There has been some fault found with the house measure that it is likely that the draft by the senate will be an entirely new measure. Conference from both houses will draw up another measure, and this is the one that will finally become law.

Conscription Measure Killed.

The house of representatives has decided that there shall be no government responsibility to restrict speech, written or spoken.

By a vote of 184 to 141 it rejected a compromise amendment agreed upon by the conference of the house and senate in the espionage bill.

This amendment authorized the president to promulgate regulations defining the character of information relating to the conduct of the war that may be published by newspapers and other periodicals or publicly displayed by citizens.

It is not probable there will be any further effort on the part of the administration to impose such a censorship as that proposed, but that the espionage bill as passed by the senate will be finally accepted by the house and sent to the president for his signature.

There are many important provisions still contained in the measure designed to protect the interests of the government during the war, all of which are wholly acceptable to the members of both houses.

Conscription Dodgers Caught.

The arm of the government reached out last week and shut all doors through which conscription dodgers sought to flee the country.

It stretched fifty miles out into the Pacific and took from the Pacific Mail liner San Juan Frederick W. Fay of San Francisco. The department of justice stated that Fay is of military age and was bound for Mexico.

It swept a dragnet through the country, capturing numbers of prisoners. It smashed at Kansas City, Mo., and at Columbus, O., what were said by officials to be widespread plots against the draft.

Aside from the arrests in New York many were made in various parts of the country, and scores of charges were lodged against suspects by federal authorities.

Five men were arrested in Columbus, three on charges of treason.

Four men and one woman were arrested in Kansas City. Information was laid against fifty others.

Three men and one woman were arrested in Toledo.

Five men were arrested in Chicago.

Fifty men were arrested in Texas on charges of trying to escape into Mexico.

Among those arrested in Kansas were Professor George W. Klethege, Socialist candidate for governor of Kansas in 1914, and Dr. Eva Harding, a former candidate for congress.

Throughout the country the women hold strikes hard at anti-registration propagandists the moment they show themselves.

Secretary of War Baker authorized this statement:

"It is wholly incredible that any substantial number of Americans of military age should take such action leaving the country to escape military service. It does not, however, afford a means of escape. The vigor of the law is such that it would be but a temporary evasion."

Enthusiastic Over Dirigibles.

Navy officials, enthusiastic over the successful builders' trial of the first steered nonrigid dirigible balloons ordered by the department two months ago, said that the dirigible program was assured of completion much faster than had been expected.

The dirigible left Chicago at midnight and arrived without accident next afternoon at Akron, O. The contract called for delivery within four months but the builders will turn the first ship over for active duty in coast patrol work within less than ninety days of the date of the contract, and thereafter others will be delivered every two weeks.

The trip from Chicago to Akron cost \$100,000, but it was well worth the money.

under direction of the builders and did not constitute an official test, but it was so successful that navy officials are confident that a valuable type, similar to the Blimp of the British navy, has been produced. They have little fear that the dirigible will not make the required forty miles an hour during her official trip within the next ten days.

To Name Munitions Secretary.

Having added one new ex-officio cabinet member in the person of Herbert Hoover, food administrator, President Wilson is likely to announce shortly the appointment of a "secretary of munitions and supplies."

Conference among the president, Secretary of War Baker and Attorney General Gregory have been held this week to determine what procedure may be followed in placing a man at the head of the munitions producing and purchasing work during the war. It is probable congress will be asked to delegate powers to this new official, as was asked by the administration for Hoover.

Bernard Baruch will soon be named officially as government purchaser of raw materials.

Later the post of secretary of transportation may be added, but for the time being the transportation work will be left in the hands of the advisory committee of the National Council of Defense, acting in cooperation with the railroad executives' committee, which will be stationed here during the war.

As the war work goes on it has been found absolutely necessary to centralize it and to divide different phases of the military business.

The three men to be named will, to all intents and purposes, have all the powers and duties of cabinet members. Probably all three will serve without pay.

The groundwork of the new department Mr. Baruch will head already has been laid. The system to be inaugurated will include a group of expert buyers in each state, who will act as Mr. Baruch's "tentacles." They will be clothed with broad powers.

Many Would Aid Hoover.

Offers from volunteers in great numbers are pouring in on Mr. Hoover. His small organization has been fairly swamped by the mass of correspondence, and he accepts this universal offer of cooperation as one of the most healthy signs in the movement to feed America and still supply her allies.

Among the enthusiasts who have been Mr. Hoover recently was David Coker, chairman of the State Council of Defense of Hartwell, S. C. His state, he said, was already organized. Mr. Coker had one statement to make about the women of South Carolina, which Mr. Hoover felt might be absorbed by women of all parts of the country with profit to the general cause.

"They were willing," Mr. Coker said, "to make any sacrifice to aid America. They have an organization that calls for every woman to wear a badge which pledged her to make ever varying possible in the household. The negro population is with the state organization and has organized so that they can render effective service to the producer, distributor and consumer."

While the selection of executive heads has not been made, it was indicated that Mr. Hoover will try as far as practicable, in connection with the interests of the country, to skip the "big little man" and the "great big man" in choosing the men who are to be his lieutenants. That does not mean, however, that either the producer or the man who actually handles the food before it reaches the household will be omitted.

NOTABLE ENLISTMENTS

St. Peter, Washington, Grant and Other Great Names in Marine Corps.

Washington, June 8.—Adding one more name to the list of versatile fighting men, St. Peter became a member of the United States marine corps. St. Peter, whose modest prefix happens to be Leroy William, dropped in from Chicago to enlist.

Other new recruits, who promise to be excellent warriors if names count for anything, are George Washington, Grant, Sheridan, Sherman, Tommy Atkins, Jesse James and Julius Caesar.

CURTAILMENT OF SERVICE

New Haven Road to Take Over 200 Trains From Schedule.

Poston, June 8.—Beginning June 25 more than 200 passenger trains will be taken off the New Haven railroad system, according to the road's announcement.

The proposed curtailment, following the suggestion of the national defense council, will release equipment necessary for the maximum movement of fuel, food, supplies and troops.

Craig Loses Over a Million

New York, June 8.—The losses of the brokerage firm of W. R. Craig & Co. through alleged manipulations of Robert Moore, under arrest on charges of larceny and forgery, are placed at \$1,000,000 in an affidavit filed by the firm with the district attorney.

Gloucester Schooner Seized

Halifax, June 8.—The schooner Lottie G. Merchant of Gloucester, Mass., with a crew of twenty men, was towed into port by a government patrol boat, charged with taking fish within the three-mile limit.

Negroes Lynched by Negroes

Columbus, Miss., June 4.—One hundred negroes and a few white men lynched two negroes who were taken from jail here, where they were held on charges of murdering and robbing another negro.

Laurier Opposes Conscription

Ottawa, June 8.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier definitely has refused to join the federal government in entering into a measure for compulsory military service.

RESULT BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

Over Ten Million Men Respond to Call For Registration

DAY'S GRACE FOR SLACKERS

Have One More Chance to Enroll, as Many States Have Been Swamped by Applications—Entire Absence of Draft Riots Throughout Country—Government Grateful at Patriotic Response to Nation's Call

Washington, June 8.—The registration of the young men of the nation for the selective draft actules to fight Germany was an overwhelming success. The result, when fully tabulated, bids fair to exceed the most optimistic expectations of the government.

It is estimated on the basis of preliminary reports received from every state in the union that more than 10,000,000 men from 21 to 30 years of age, inclusive, answered the call of the nation.

It is not unlikely that the final total will be found in excess of the census bureau's estimate of the number of men in the country of the required age.

Cleveland and Detroit reported that they are swamped with the registration of thousands of young men in excess of the prospective number. In both cities the registrars ran out of the government blanks and were compelled to print an emergency supply. By long-distance telephone both cities informed the war department that they could not possibly complete the registration last night and "received instructions to continue the enrollment today."

Provost Marshal General Crowder has issued instructions to all registrars to keep the registration places open until all who apply are recorded. The prospect, therefore, is that in many states the registration will continue until late today.

But Few Slackers

Already it is apparent that the slackers who failed to come forward numbered only an infinitesimal percentage of the whole number of men eligible to the draft.

The slackers are to be given one day of grace. Those who express a change of heart today and go to the registration places and enroll themselves will not be prosecuted. They will be registered and their names sent to Washington with the notation that they came in on the day following the regular registration.

Registrars have been instructed to register known slackers in every precinct. Those thus registered involuntarily will be subject to the draft and will be prosecuted. Their names will be sent at once to the adjutant general and prosecutions instituted.

There were no serious disturbances connected with the registration anywhere in the country. Draft riots failed to materialize and the anti-registration plotters kept under cover.

Proof of Patriotism

An official statement by the administration said:

"The registration was accomplished in a fashion measuring up to the highest standards of Americanism. The young men came to the registration places enthusiastically; there was no hint of a slacking spirit anywhere except in a few cases where misguided persons had been prevailed upon to attempt to avoid their national obligation."

The government officials, who had professed the highest confidence in the patriotism of the young men of the nation, were deeply gratified at the result; it transcended their highest calculations.

"From every state reports were received showing that the sporadic conspiracies to thwart the first step toward the mobilization of as large an army as the country may need to bring the war to a victorious conclusion had failed utterly."

"The spirit of the young men from whom the fighting forces are to be selected was evidenced in their attitude toward question 12 on the registration blanks, which asked if exemption was claimed. In the ranks of cases young men availed themselves of their right to ignore this question and to leave it entirely for the government to decide whether they should be selected."

"The spirit was evidenced again in the receipt during the day of numerous requests from diplomatic and consular officials of the United States for additional registration cards to be used by citizens who are now in other countries; this fact was impressive because registration is voluntary on the part of American residents abroad."

"It was not a voluntary enterprise upon which the men of military age were embarking, but they entered upon it in the glad spirit of men who were seeking the opportunity to serve."

General Crowder announced that "persons registering on June 5 are at liberty to enlist in the navy or marine corps at any time prior to their selection for military service."

Lightning Strikes Seminary

Troy, N. Y., June 8.—St. Joseph's seminary, the alma mater of thousands of Catholic priests in this country, was struck by lightning and two of the four imposing towers above the central entrance were demolished.

KRONSTADT NOW WITH GOVERNMENT

Its Authority Recognized by Soldiers' and Workmen's Council

Petrograd, June 8.—The Kronstadt incident is closed. The local committee of soldiers' and workmen's delegates has recognized the authority of the provisional government.

The local committee of the workmen's and soldiers' delegates at Kronstadt decided on June 1 to assume control of the great fortress and to refuse recognition of the provisional government. The government officials were removed.

The revolutionists put forward a program of dividing Russia into a great number of self-governing communities and sent missionaries out to try and persuade neighboring towns to join them.

The Socialist ministers in the provisional cabinet went to Kronstadt and endeavored to persuade the seceders to abandon their plan. The present surrender apparently is a result of their mission.

YANKEES IN GUN CREW

Merchantman Silvershell Fired Shots That Sunk German Submarine

Washington, June 8.—The American tanker Silvershell, with New England men in its naval gun crew, is officially announced by the navy department as the first American vessel to sink a German submarine in this war.

The Silvershell sank a U-boat in the Mediterranean on May 30. After an exchange of sixty shots the submarine plumed from sight, victim of the deadly fire of the Silvershell's naval marksmen.

An official announcement Wednesday gave details of the battle in which sixty shots were exchanged, but withheld the vessel's name. Upon receipt of a Paris dispatch stating that the Silvershell had fought a submarine, and that the U-boat disappeared after a long fight, the department announced that the unnamed vessel in its original statement was the Silvershell.

PROTEST UNJUSTIFIED

Men in Charge of Naval Hospitals Are Entitled to Praise

Washington, June 7.—The protest or "ground robin" signed by thirty patients aboard the navy hospital ship Solace, charging mistreatment by the medical officers, "rests on gossip and hearsay," according to the report of the civilian commission sent to the fleet by Secretary Daniels to investigate conditions in any way it saw fit, quitted themselves admirably."

The report asserted that the medical personnel in charge of the fleet's naval hospitals "are all entitled to the highest praise for their devoted and untiring efforts and for the success which they achieved under extremely difficult conditions."

A MODERATE DRINKER

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Pittsfield, Mass., June 8.—Carlo Diabellio, in the district court, testified his daily consumption of liquor is fifteen bottles of beer, one quart of whiskey and two quarts of wine.

His statement was made when he was placed on trial charged with illegal possession of liquor, and he stated he had barely enough for a Sunday supply for himself.

Flag Day Proclaimed

Boston, June 8.—Governor McCall, in accordance with the statutes, issued a proclamation in which he set apart June 15, 1917, as Flag day, and urged that the day be properly observed by schools, churches and other organizations and by the people of the state.

Press Gag Is Killed

Washington, June 5.—Striking out the newspaper censorship clause rejected by the house, the conference on the espionage bill reached a final complete agreement. Adoption of their report by the senate and house is expected with little debate.

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